National Survey of Hispanic Voters on Immigration Policy

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Methodology

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<th>Sample size</th>
<th>800 Hispanic voters in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Nevada, New York, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia</th>
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<td>Dates of interviews</td>
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Demographics and Voter Trends
Gender

- Male: 52%
- Female: 48%
Annual Household Income

- Less than $25,000: 24%
- $25,000 to $50,000: 34%
- $50,000 to $100,000: 24%
- More than $100,000: 7%
- Don’t know / No answer: 11%
Education

- Less than high school: 17%
- High school graduate: 28%
- Some college / technical school: 27%
- College degree: 20%
- Graduate degree: 7%
Country of Birth

- United States: 45%
- Mexico: 30%
- Central America: 5%
- South America: 5%
- Puerto Rico: 6%
- Cuba: 5%
- Dominican Republic: 5%
Party Identification

59% Democrat
21% Republican
20% Independent

Legend:
- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent
Which candidate did you support in the 2008 presidential election – the Democrat Barack Obama or the Republican John McCain?

- Barack Obama: 68%
- John McCain: 30%
- No answer: 2%
Voting History

Voted in 2006 Elections
- 41% Yes
- 9% No
- 50% Unknown

Voted in 2008 Elections
- 86% Yes
- 12% No
- 2% Unknown
The Immigration Issue
Which of the following do you think is the biggest problem currently facing our country?

1. Weak economy 56%
2. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan 13%
3. Lack of access to health care 9%
4. Illegal immigration 7%
5. Housing and mortgage crisis 6%
6. Low quality of public schools 5%
How important is the immigration issue to you and your family?

- Very / Somewhat important: 82%
- Not important: 17%
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Why is the immigration issue of importance to you?

“Very Important” answers only

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<td>It’s a personal issue / It affects someone in my family or my friends</td>
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<td>Immigrants help the economy / They do jobs that no one wants to do</td>
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<td>The U.S. is a nation of immigrants</td>
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<td>The system needs to be fixed</td>
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<td>They are discriminated against / I feel sympathy for them</td>
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<td>They are not helping our society</td>
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<td>Other response</td>
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Do you know any undocumented immigrants personally; in other words, are any of your friends, family members, neighbors or co-workers undocumented?

- Yes: 69%
- No: 30%
- Don't know / No answer: 1%
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By Age

- 18-29: 76% Yes, 24% No
- 30-49: 82% Yes, 18% No
- 50-64: 64% Yes, 36% No
- 65+: 48% Yes, 52% No
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*By Country of Birth*

- **US born**
  - Yes: 68%
  - No: 32%

- **Foreign born**
  - Yes: 70%
  - No: 30%
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The anti-immigrant sentiment against Hispanics is growing.
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? During the last two years, discrimination against Hispanics in the United States has increased because of the negative tone and the rhetoric of the immigration debate.

- Agree: 64%
- Disagree: 29%
- Don't know / No answer: 7%
There are an estimated 10 million illegal immigrants from Latin America residing in the U.S. Do you think it would be best to force most of them to leave the country or do you think it would be best to give most of them a path to citizenship?
Which candidate has a position on immigration closest to yours – Candidate A or Candidate B?

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<th>Candidate A supports comprehensive immigration reform that secures the border, cracks down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, and requires all illegal immigrants to register and meet certain requirements to become legal, including working, paying taxes and learning English.</th>
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<td>Candidate B says we need to secure our borders, stop giving taxpayer funded benefits to illegal immigrants, and make sure that those who broke our laws by entering the country illegally are forced to leave.</td>
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Would you consider voting for a candidate for the United States Congress who was in favor of forcing most illegal immigrants to leave the country or would you not consider voting for such a candidate?

- Yes, I would consider it: 7%
- No, I would not consider it: 87%
- Don't know / No answer: 6%
As you may know, there will be elections for the US Congress in 2010. The immigration issue will be a very important part of the political debate. How likely are you to vote in these elections for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives?

- Very likely: 75%
- Somewhat likely: 16%
- Not likely: 7%
Which political party do you think best represents the opinion of the Hispanic community on the immigration issue – the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

- Democratic Party: 71%
- Republican Party: 18%
- Don't know / No answer: 11%
President Obama on Immigration
How would you rate the job that President Barack Obama has done during his first 100 days in office?

- Excellent / Good: 84%
- Mediocre / Bad: 12%
- Don't know / No answer: 4%
How would you rate the job that President Barack Obama has done when it comes to the issues and concerns of Hispanic families in the United States?
During his campaign for President, Barack Obama promised that he was going to propose a comprehensive immigration bill to Congress during his first year in office. Do you think that he will keep that promise or do you think that he will break that promise?

- Will keep that promise: 72%
- Will break that promise: 11%
- Don't know / No answer: 17%
Whom do you trust more to do “the right thing” on immigration?

- Obama: 83% will do "the right thing", 10% will not, 7% don't know/no answer
- Democrats in Congress: 69% will do "the right thing", 17% will not, 14% don't know/no answer
- Republicans in Congress: 23% will do "the right thing", 17% will not, 60% don't know/no answer
Some people think that President Obama should concentrate on strengthening the American economy now and he should put off working on a new immigration bill until at least 2011. Other people think that President Obama should work on both issues – the economy and immigration – in 2009. Which is closer to your opinion?